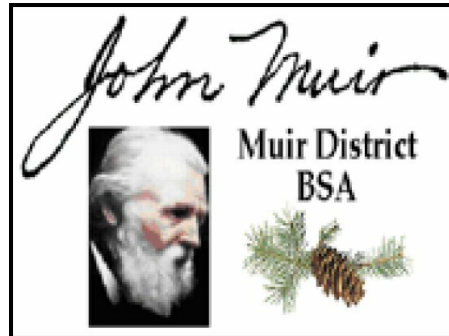


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Welcome to the Muir Newsletter for July 2022!



July 7, 2022 District Roundtable via Zoom

The July 2022 Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, July 7 at 7:30 PM, via Zoom.

Topic: Muir Roundtable

Time: July 7, 2022 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86753742607?pwd=eTk2NVNkUFJkQ3kvNHNmRmNnUXVhUT09>

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Every month on the First Thu, until Dec 1, 2022, 6 occurrence(s):

Jul 7, 2022 07:30 PM

Aug 4, 2022 07:30 PM

Sep 1, 2022 07:30 PM

Oct 6, 2022 07:30 PM

Nov 3, 2022 07:30 PM

Dec 1, 2022 07:30 PM

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Loyd - District Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com



Commissioners Wanted

If you are a Scouter or parent interested in helping units grow and prosper, consider becoming a Commissioner! The overall vision of the Commissioner Service is for every member of the BSA to have a great Scouting experience.

If you are interested, please contact: muircommissioner@gmail.com



District/Council upcoming events (2)

- **Save the Date - Muir District Recognition Event – “Iron Chef Cook Off!”**
 - When: *August 20, 2022, time TBD*
 - Where: Morello Hills Christian Church, 1000 Morello Hills Dr, Martinez
 - Who: All Muir District Units (Packs & Troops)
 - Why: Recognize your Unit Scouter of the Year; recognize the District Award of Merit recipient; show off your outdoor cooking skills.
 - Nomination forms here:
 1. District Award of Merit -
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vAejkTQKzMzR9iFDgJJ0GhDvH-voPx3C/view?usp=sharing>
 2. Unit Scouter of the Year -
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uUnPhIRAfAHpJGxZaaq_q0t7jAr tfvRi/view?usp=sharing
- Cooking method is not limited to Dutch Oven. Consider foil cooking, reflector oven, other alternative cooking methods. Please prepare enough for six people. Prizes will be awarded for main dish, side dish, dessert, alternative cooking method. RSVP with your category choice by July 15 to Eileen Ladarre, ejladarre@yahoo.com.

- If August 20 is a red-flag warning day (or Spare the Air Day) and we cannot burn charcoal, alternative plans will be announced.

- **Reminder:** registration for the *2022 Muir Cub Day Camp* is OPEN: <https://scoutingevent.com/023-MUDayCamp2022>! Day Camp is July 9 - 10, 2022 from 9:00 am-3:30pm at the Sea Base in Martinez and the theme is Space Exploration.

This was announced on 5/24/2022.

July 2022 Merit Badge Counselor Renewal Process (courtesy of Courtney Mizutani).

Attention Merit Badge Counselors:

Renewals for merit badge counselors expiring on June 30 will be for 6 months as the Council has chosen to move non-unit participants to a January 1 renewal date to match the regular unit recharterers.

In order to renew, Merit Badge Counselors will need Youth Protection Training that is current through 12/31/2022 and completed AB 506 Training and LiveScan. Please see <https://californiascouting.org/> to access the required training and to find information on the LiveScan process.



COVID-19: Future Updates at ggacbsa.org/covid

- Check out GGAC's [COVID Update](#) page for our latest COVID-19 guidance. If you have any questions, please email us at: [Safety at GGAC](#).

Muir District Website (subdomain of Council Website)

Reminder: we have a [website for our District](#)! Please go and check it out! Currently, the Zoom information for both the District Roundtable and the Commissioner &

Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow web page

We also have a web page linked to the Muir website for the Wek-Wek Village, Order of the Arrow! It is located under the "OA tab at top in the Menu bar or you may go to:

Committee Meetings are posted on the Home page. Advancement information such as the Life to Eagle Process, Guide to Advancement, and COVID-19 Advancement is available. There is also District contacts (coming soon) and Unit contacts which redirects to beascout.org.

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org/wek-wek-village/>.
That web page will have recent announcements, upcoming meetings/events, Village leadership roster, and a link to their Facebook page.

If you have any feedback on what we should have on our District website or OA web page, please let Patrick Jaime, District Communications Chair know at:
patrickj0208@yahoo.com!

Muir Scouts in Action or Scouting Activities Submissions

If you have any pictures or videos of **Muir District Scouts in Action** (service projects, heroism, etc.) or **Scouting Activities** (BSA derbies, training, blue and gold, court of honor, etc.) please email them to patrickj0208@yahoo.com and include a copy of the Medical Record (**Part A**) release for each Scout so that they can be recognized/featured in the District Newsletters!

We also accept any submissions of notable Scouting-related recognitions, awards, or news of Scouts/Scouters.



Next Wek-Wek Village Informational Meeting is on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom!

Come join Wek-Wek Village for their next Meeting on *Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7 pm* via Zoom!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112...>

Meeting ID: 870 7869 5112

Passcode: WekWek

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Welcome to the.... Yerba Buena Lodge, Wek-Wek Village

Contact Info:

wekwek.yerbabuena.aa@gmail.com

(925)-204-9685

Units 262, 317, 364, 370, 380, 429, 444, 484

**Village Meeting, Wednesday, July 6, 2022
from 7:00-8:30 pm**

We encourage **OA unit representatives and their advisers**, as well as *all members new and old* to take part and join us to stay informed on any OA updates and exciting OA activities being planned in the Muir District!

Meeting Is Virtual ONLY!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87078695112?pwd=Q1pYSFpHa1ZlVmVSYlA2bmhyVGRFQT09>

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OA Wek-Wek Unit Elections 2022

Scan the QR code located on the bottom right corner of flyer below to sign up your Troop for OA Unit Elections! Sign up link here: <https://forms.gle/eVbfaSY22iUJ6nvQA>



Skits N' Smores

July 22, 2022 @ 6 PM

Kings Valley Christian School
4255 Clayton Rd, Concord, CA 94521

Open to All! Sign up Today!

<https://forms.gle/HYhGExKs3WvyqG6Q8>

OA Village Event Hosted by Wek-Wek

See the flyer above; event is scheduled for July 22, 2022. Register by clicking here:
<https://forms.gle/HYhGExKs3WvyqG6Q8>.



GOLDEN GATE AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

AB 506: Live Scan background check (complete ASAP if you have not already)

A Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) is required for all volunteers and staff. Live Scan replaces previous background checks; all volunteers will have to complete this once.

We appreciate your patience and assistance as we join all California Youth Service Organizations in improving youth protection.

Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (complete ASAP if you have not already)

Mandated Reporter Training is required in addition to our BSA Youth Protection Training. Volunteer leaders must complete the 2 hour training and upload their certificate at California Scouting by February 28, 2022.

AB 506 Background Information

Youth protection is a core value of the Golden Gate Area Council. The Mandated Reporter Training and Live Scan background check requirement of California law AB 506 adds layers of protection to our already robust BSA Youth Protection and Barriers to Abuse policies.

All California youth service organizations (e.g. church groups and sports teams) are required to meet AB 506 standards as of January, 2022. The BSA already meets some requirements with our two deep leadership policy and by having a clear process for mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse incidents.

Two of the AB 506 standards affect all adult volunteers, all employees, and many of our families. These requirements have been added to the BSA registration process and enhance our current background check. Anyone who supervises or has direct contact with children for more than 16 hours in a month or 32 hours in a year will undergo:

- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California
- Fingerprinting

This was last updated on 4/22/2020.

Youth Protection During COVID-19: Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

"As Scouting moves to virtual and online platforms, we offer the following reminders to help keep kids safe. The below guidelines applies to all online Scouting activities and meetings."

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/?fbclid=IwARONRPabsRGXTPz3BFJS7o5ZuigV7WzfG3lJE2wf7xcc67qfRz47QkyTTY>

Please share to all your Units and Volunteers.

District Committee Positions

Calling all adults over 21 years of age! If you would like to know how you can help Scouting in our area, contact our District Chair Carl Bodin at carl.bodin@gmail.com.



VOA Adult Volunteers Wanted

If you have youth/adult experience in Venturing (especially in leadership), the GGAC Venturing Officers' Association (VOA) wants you! We are looking for adults registered in Venturing or those with some Venturing experience to occupy Associate Advisor positions and Committee positions. Please contact VOA Advisor Patrick Jaime at: patrickj2800@gmail.com if you're interested and for more information.

Muir District News.

Want to get some late breaking Scouting news or post an event? Then join our Muir District Facebook Group page. Follow the link below, answer a quick question regarding your Scouting experience, and you will gain access to the group page. Don't forget to share this with members of your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/325497627480390/>

Latest/past District Newsletters can be found on our website's home page by clicking the "News" tab on the menu bar or go here: <https://muir.ggacbsa.org/news/>

Council News

Check out the Council website for the latest Council news, and updates: <https://ggacbsa.org>.

Latest/past Council e-News can be found here: <https://ggacbsa.org/#elementor-action%3Aaction%3Dpopup%3Aopen%26settings%3DeyJpZCI6IjE5NjkwIiwidG9nZ2xlljpmYWxzZX0%3D>

If you are not receiving the Council eNews, you may subscribe here: <https://forms.gle/6qFq1oTcjC3dkhEa8>



Congratulations to the Newest Muir Eagle Scout!

- Antonio Javier Lopez, T370, 6/21/2022
 - Project Name: St Francis of Assisi Fencing Operation
 - Project Description: Removal of old, dilapidated fence surrounding air conditioning units near the kindergarten area. That fence was made of particle board and plywood. It showed signs of weathering, and of rodents gnawing on it. New, redwood fencing was installed and stained. The fence line was changed, two new posts installed, to give the existing redwood tree room to grow. The new fence improves the appearance of the area, keeps unauthorized people from accessing the air conditioning units, and discourages children from climbing on them, as they potentially could be hurt.
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Pleasant Hill Scout Shop Information

The Scout Shop in Pleasant Hill is open and waiting for you to come purchase all your supplies! 508 Contra Costa Blvd. Suite K2, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. Please visit [GGAC Scout Shop \(ggacbsa.org\)](http://ggacbsa.org) for information before you go. Store hours (including lunch break), available items, how to order ahead, and other useful tips are there.



Powerful Cub Scout leader resources

A lot of useful content is being posted on Scoutingwire at: <https://scoutingwire.org>.

From giving your new Den Leader instant meeting plans: <https://scoutingwire.org/this-new-video-series-delivers-the-ultimate-den-leader-experience/>.

To a host of other ideas like leading Zoom meeting for Cub Scouts, Virtual fall recruiting (including the use of digital applications and payment), and BeAScout tips, <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>.

2023 National Scout Jamboree GGAC Contingent

[Register](#)

[Jamboree Information](#)



Golden Gate Area Council 2023 National Scout Jamboree Council Contingent Information

The 20th BSA National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) will be held at the **Summit Bechtel Reserve** in scenic West Virginia. This is the third NSJ to feature high-adventure outdoor activities for the *Boy Scouts of America*. Join **Scouts** from around our Council to experience white water rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain-biking, skateboarding, shooting sports, zip-line challenge courses and much more!

Dates: Friday, July 14 – Saturday, July 29, 2023 (including DC area tours & travel)
The Jamboree is onsite at the Summit Bechtel Reserve July 19 – July 28, 2023

Cost: \$3,900 (estimated) for Adults Leaders, Scouts & Venturers. – Initial Deposit of \$485 Due upon registration

Council pricing includes the BSA Jamboree fees, travel and tour expenses, NSJ hat and neckerchief, select Contingent patches, duffel bag, and 2 T-shirts. Participants are responsible for two complete BSA uniforms (required), and spending money for the tour and Jamboree.

Tour: Washington, DC and National Capital area highlights, before traveling to NSJ.

Contingent: Each Troop unit consists of 32 Scouts and 4 Leaders, so positions are limited! Currently, plans are to send 2 Boy and 1 Girl Scout troop, and 1 Crew - depending on sign ups

Eligibility: Scouts must be First Class rank, have completed 6th grade or be 12 years of age by July 19, 2023, but not have reached their 18th birthday before July 28, 2023. Additionally, young adults (18-20) are allowed to participate as 'scouts', but cannot share tents with youth. All participants must have current BSA membership, meet the minimum physical BMI standards (see Jamboree website) and complete an online NSJ Personal Health and Medical Record, and participate in pre-Jamboree troop meetings and the Contingent camping weekend.

Commitment: Troop Meetings (typically one per month starting September 2022)
Patrol Leader Council (PLC) Meetings (youth leaders in Spring 2023)
Occasional Parent Meetings (scheduled at Troop Leaders' discretion)
Contingent Camping weekend (likely Memorial Day Wknd, May 2023)
Council Payment Schedule (released in Spring 2022)



More Info & Registration: <https://ggacbsa.org/jamboree/>

Timeframe: **Apply Right Now!!!** Once the Troop youth capacity is full, new applicants will be placed on a wait list.

More Info on the Web:

2023 BSA National Scout Jamboree: <https://jamboree.scouting.org>

GGAC Jamboree Committee Chair: Ray Chan, ray4scouting@gmail.com



GGAC Process for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

Please see the following link for the June 16, 2022 GGAC update for the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge: https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/CIS-Merit-Badge-Update_June-16_2022_Fdekovic_Mnygren-1.pdf



Eagle Rank Extensions

If you have any Life Scouts who are nearing age 18, please have him or her visit the links here: [Eagle Rank Extension - Guide](#) & [Eagle Rank Extension - Form](#).

MANY BSA TRAININGS ARE MOSTLY ONLINE



Scout leaders. To be registered as TRAINED in your role, you need to complete the following courses

- Basic Position-Specific Training
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
- Hazardous Weather
- YPT Youth Protections

[Basic position-specific leader training](#) is for:

- Cub Scouting (Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Den Leader)
- Scouts BSA (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster)
- Venturing (Crew Advisor and Associate Advisor)
- Sea Scouts BSA (all Adult Leaders)
- Exploring (Advisor and Associate Advisor)

Working on Eagle? Here are your contacts:

District Advancement Chair: Bill Spalding: 925-586-9136, spaldingwilliam62@gmail.com

District Eagle Project Approval: Carl Bodin: 415-816-7307, carl.bodin@gmail.com

District Eagle Board of Review: Karen Hansen: 925-825-9132, eaglechairkarenhansen@gmail.com

District Committee Leadership

Carl Bodin - District Chair,
carl.bodin@gmail.com

Steve Loyd - District
Commissioner, muircommissioner@gmail.com

Monica Holland - District
Executive, monica.holland@scouting.org

Quick Links

Muir District subdomain (website)

<https://muir.ggacbsa.org>

Muir District Facebook Group



Council Facebook Page



Muir District Instagram page

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